

The View Magazine



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Sunday Services 11:00am

Communion:

Sunday 10th March 2019

11am Morning Service

7pm Freedom Service

And now these three remain:

Faith, Hope, and Love

But the greatest of these is Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this we will be in the middle of 40 Days of Love. I do hope you have been coming along and sharing with one another the wonderful message of love. If not, it is never too late – come along this week.

Why?

If you want lasting change in your life, you must fill your life with love.

Love is the only thing that can change the unchangeable. Love invigorates. Love revitalizes. Love renews. Love refreshes. Love is the most powerful force in the universe, because God is love.

The Bible doesn't say God *has* love; it says he *is* love.

Love heals what cannot otherwise be healed. Love uplifts. Love strengthens. Love energizes. Love empowers.

“Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other”

Romans 12:9-10

“Take delight in honouring each other” - I love that! You know what that means? It means that when people in your church family have a win in health, finances, or any goal they've set, you need to celebrate with them. Celebrate their wins. You lost two

more pounds? Congratulations! You got a little bit out of debt? Fantastic! You had a breakthrough in your marriage? You are off on holiday? Terrific! The Bible says to take delight in honouring each other and to show genuine affection.

Here's the amazing thing: God has wired the universe so that when you help other people, God takes care of your problems. God is looking at you not to say, “Are you helping yourself?” but “Are you helping others?” Do you want help with your own life? Start helping other people. Show love. Give yourself away. There is healing in giving back.

The Bible tells us the story of Job, who lost everything. He lost his health, he lost his family, he lost his wealth. He lost it all. At the end of the book, God gave it all back to Job. Why? Because Job prayed for himself? No. It says;

“After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before”

Job 42:10

Why do you need to be part of a church family? Not just so other people can help you, but also so you can help them. So you can pray for those people, and then God can help you. Give yourself away in love, and

Yours aye,

Michael

KIRK SESSION NOTES

The Kirk Session met on 13 November 2018.

Session noted the report submitted by D Ritchie relating to data protection. It was agreed that the Report should be referred to the Mission Committee and that the follow-up to the Report should be included as part of the Action Plan in Stage 3 of the Local Church Review.

Session noted that 2 further grants had been received for the Large Hall roof works: £5,000 from the Baird Trust and £20,000 from the General Trustees. This leaves an overall shortfall of £2,877 to be met from the General Fund.

The Convener of the Presbytery's Stewardship and Finance Committee had indicated that the reduction in M&M contributions previously agreed for D Wilson's salary could now be applied to the capital expenditure for the proposed extension.

David S Alexander
Session Clerk

PRESBYTERY NOTES

Since the last issue of the magazine the Presbytery met on 4 December 2018. This meeting largely dealt with routine matters.

Tribute was paid to Rev Elaine McKinnon marking the 30th anniversary of her Ordination.

Presbytery approved a report on a new Discipline Act which sought to simplify the current Act's procedures.

A Call was granted to Dalserf on a part time (0.5) basis.

David S Alexander
Presbytery Elder

The Wednesday Club

During January the Club has been well attended by the female members. I wish I could say the same for the men. Hopefully we will see an improvement next month.

During the month of January we have donated 22 Prem Baby Blankets to The Royal Alexandria Hospital in Paisley and 102 Prem Baby Hats, 27 Prem Baby Blankets and 24 Cardigans to Wishaw General Hospital.

We have also donated 25 Baby Cardigans to St. Andrew's Hospice, and 10 Prem Baby Blankets and Hats to The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow. A substantial donation has also been made to the Salvation Army in Bellshill of 20 Baby Cardigans and Jumpers (assorted sizes), 4 Fish and Chip Baby Tops, some Hats and Mittens, together with hand-knitted and crocheted Blankets.

Our grateful thanks to all concerned in any way and thanks to Margaret MacFarlane for organising the knitting.

A warm welcome is extended to all to join us on Wednesday afternoons. Come for a social chat, a hot cup of tea or coffee or a game of indoor bowls - you will be very welcome.

Irene West
Convener



The Guild

Here we are at the start of our second half of the session. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

Our first half of the session ended with our Christmas Celebration on December 10th when we had Christmas readings and sketches. A big thank you to all who took part in this. Between each we had some carol singing. It was a very enjoyable evening and the following week we enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner in the Café. A big thank you goes to Linda and the girls who always make us feel so welcome.

At our first meeting of 2019 a talk was given by Mrs. Helen Morrison about The Covenanters. This was postponed last year due to the snow and it was lovely to welcome her to our meeting this year. We had the DVD of the Guild Annual Meeting which was held in Dundee at the beginning of September. We look forward to the following:

Jan 28 th	Rev. Michael Lyall
Feb 4 th	Rev. James White - Glasgow Cathedral
Feb 11 th	Members Night
Feb 18 th	Guest Night - Easter Egg Group
Feb 25 th	Crossreach Speaker
Mar 4 th	Robert Wilson - History of Passports
Mar 11 th	Beverley Stevenson
Mar 18 th	Election of Office Bearers
Mar 25 th	Closing Dinner - Café



Arrangements are in hand for our outing on Saturday 1st June when we are going to Largs, then on to Ayr for our high tea.

We pray at this time for all who are ill, for the lonely and those who are housebound.

Irene Anderson
Team Leader

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

In 2014, Viewpark Church received a donation of 3 turkeys which were handed out to 3 families. Since then this initiative has continued to grow.

- In 2015, 25 families/individuals received a Christmas hamper of food/gifts;
- In 2016, 65 families/individuals were helped;
- In 2017, 105 families/individuals were helped;
- In 2018, 155 families/individuals received a hamper and gifts.
- In 2019 ???



This has now become a multi-church incentive run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers. There are far too many individuals, church organisations, schools and businesses to thank personally. An amazing number of people have helped with: organising the names; preparing the lists; printing labels; organising vouchers; wrapping boxes and hundreds of gifts for children, teenagers and adults; ordering food; uplifting food, gifts and toys; packing hampers and Santa sacks; setting up both halls. Approximately 50 people volunteered to drive and deliver the hampers and sacks from the church to various locations. God knows who you are - you don't need to be named individually.

A **HUGE** thank you to all who donated food, gifts, money and their time which made the whole process run smoothly (apart from the odd wee hiccup!). This year, we were able to include a family bible in 100 family hampers - the cost of this had been met by an anonymous donation.

After the deliveries were made, many families contacted us to express their appreciation and gratitude with comments like *"You've made Christmas for us"*. This was a typical response received, which makes it all worthwhile. Many people also commented on receiving the lovely family bible.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"

MATTHEW 25: 35

Planning has already started for Christmas Hampers 2019 and, without a doubt, this will have as many people in need, if not more. Fundraising, food collection and gift donation will begin earlier this year. Information will be given later as to how YOU can help. We look forward to the continuing support from all those involved in any way.

The Tree



I read the other day about looking at your life as a building, and imagining the impact God has had over the years in the construction of that building ... did the walls crumble as your faith was challenged, or did you have a firm foundation?

As I was praying about this, I began to see my life - our lives - as a tree. As we grow in faith, the roots go right into His heart and grow deeper and longer. As the roots grow longer, the tree gets higher, and wider. The branches flourish as we are fed by the water of His word, and the nutrients in the soil He has planted us in. We produce fruit that people can feed on.

The main need of any plant or tree is the sun ... And, in this picture, the Son. As we face the Son, we flourish and open up and become beautiful in His eyes. As we establish our roots in God's heart, we aren't shaken by the storms that come, for we have a firm foundation. If we move into the darkness, we will survive, but we will not flourish, just as the lower branches of a tree die off when they are away from the sun. We don't need to do anything other than stay attached to Him, take in the water and the food He provides for us (His word), and we will grow tall and straight upwards, close to the Son.

Shona Lyall

the VIEW café

OPEN

Monday – Saturday
9:00am to 3:00pm

All day Breakfast, Lunch,
Tea & Coffee
and Much More!!

We can cater for Special
occasions
and Gift Vouchers or
Afternoon Tea Vouchers are
always available.

Enquire in the café or telephone
direct on 01698 802160





Hello everyone. I hope you are all keeping well.

Since the last issue of the View Magazine, the ViewCare project has been focusing on recruiting new volunteers due to the increasing volume of referrals and donations coming through. We continue to work in partnership with local Churches and Chapels who have been so kind in donating food to us on regular basis.

We are finding more people are looking for our support due to changes in the benefits system and more people suffering with mental health issues etc. In December alone the ViewCare and Christmas Hampers services, supported over 340 adults and over 300 children.

ViewCare project has recently secured £2,000 funding from the Tesco bags appeal, which will support the Foodbank and Clothing and Home Bank as well as the Christmas Hampers service. We have also secured funding of £4,900 from HSBC (First Direct), which will pay for storage and shelving for Food and Clothing/Home Banks.

We applied to Taylor Wimpy for a share in the £1,000 which they were giving to

charities within Viewpark in December and were given a £200 cheque in January. This will go towards the proposed church extension.

The services have been working with NHS in the delivery of **Community Suppers**, which started last year. To date the View21 café has delivered four suppers, and will be continuing to do so on a monthly basis. The suppers are for any individual or family in the community who feels isolated, in need or just wants to get out into the community to interact with other people.

To find out more about this service you can call **01698 242649** and ask for **Lynn Cunningham** or **Claire Neilson**.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer with us, please contact me using the details below.

You can also speak with me on Mondays or Wednesdays when I will be working in the church office.

Debbie Wilson
Viewcare Project Co-ordinator

debbie.wilson@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk

Tel: 0775 4275506.

You're Welcome Clothing and Home

**You are welcome to drop in
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Fridays 10am-12noon**

We can provide home essentials such as bedding, towels, curtains, cutlery, crockery & kitchen items plus school uniform, clothing & shoes for babies, children & adults without a referral.

Donations of new pants & socks or quality used clothing & home items as mentioned above would be gratefully received. New volunteers are always welcome.

You can contact us on Facebook,
email welcome@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk
or call/text 07481 559265

ThroughCare

We continue to support vulnerable individuals by providing essential items for young men and, more recently, young women newly liberated.

These youngsters are often installed in very basic temporary accommodation, usually over a weekend, when support services are unable to help them. They can feel lonely and isolated and have only an electric kettle as a way of providing hot food or a drink. We try to supply them with 'starter' items to get them through that first difficult weekend. Items we provide include:

- **Hand towels**
- **Facecloths**
- **Bath towels**
- **Tea towels**
- **Soap**

- **Washing up cloths**
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Energy bars**
- **Energy drinks**
- **Crisps / Snacks**
- **Pot noodles**
- **A drinking cup/mug**
- **Cup-a-soup**

Please place donations in the box in the Church foyer labelled ThroughCare.

Thank you.

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FOOD BANK

Urgent food donations needed!!

If you wish to donate any of the items below, you can leave them in the food trolley within church hall way any time between 9am and 3pm Monday to Saturday. Thank you!

FOOD DRIVE

OUR FOODBANK IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF ITEMS BELOW!

**TINNED HAM
TINNED MEATBALLS
TINNED CUSTARD & FRUIT
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED HOTDOGS
TINNED TUNA
PASTA SAUCE
TEABAGS & COFFEE
SAVOURY RICE & AND ORDINARY RICE
CEREAL AND CUP A SOUP.**

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

Free Debt Counselling

in your community from an award-winning charity

Contact Our Centre Manager, Billy Watson on 0784 233 6167

billywatson@capuk.org

www.capuk.org

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Happy New Year! There is so much happening already in this year! The demand for our team is at full capacity. I recently attended an excellent training session provided by the Department of Work and Pension on the subject of Universal Credit. Louise Cook, the Scotland Partnership Manager from the DWP, delivered the session and listened carefully to the problems that we have encountered with the system. She supplied her email address to allow us to send her case notes. This underlined to me that the officers operating the universal credit system really do care about all the clients. CAP has a partnership with the DWP like no other.

The regulations and status of CAP forbid any political leaning for which I am eternally grateful. However, we do have an “evidence bank” from which we can provide examples of any financial inequality at large in our community. One recent example was an incident when a client topped up a pay-as-you-go gas card with £10 and the company took £9 of it in payment of arrears. This, in the coldest month in winter, is a typical example of ‘fraudulent preference’ where the creditor (the PLC Gas company) takes their share of debt in preference, or before, rent while the client faces eviction. Incidentally whenever you have a pay-as-you-go meter you are automatically put on the highest rate for utilities. CAP does canvas on behalf of its clients to ALL parties regarding these inequalities.

I plan to run a CAP money course at Viewpark Church. On the CAP website you will see that this is a short course (over 3 nights) that teaches all about budgeting. The View café will be providing refreshments. Subject to our Church calendar I expect the course to run in September. Everyone is invited.

Every year CAP invites everyone to their Spring conference. This year it is in Edinburgh and, if you are free on Tuesday the 5th of March, please get in touch so that I can book you a place. Lunch is included.

This week I welcome my new line manager from CAP. I look forward to bringing Gordon Cheung to our Church to meet all available team members. I must say that I am so encouraged by the increasing professionalism in every area of our Church outreach. I really believe the fundamental message of the Gospel is to be found in **every** aspect of the outreach of the Church. As Jesus said:

"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone" (John 8:7)

Surely we too must never judge but instead remove the 'them and us' divisions and include everyone so they can receive the message of hope.

Thanks for all of your support.

Billy Watson
Centre Manager, Viewpark

The Church Website

www.viewparkparishchurch.org.uk



The church website contains a lot of useful information for visitors and members alike. The Weekly View is added each week and the last month's intimations can also be checked.

There is information on lots of groups and organisations too. The website is updated regularly but we are always looking for new material and suggestions; you can send these to the address below. If you would like an event or sentiment shared on the website please email:

website@viewparkparishchurch.org

Facebook

The Facebook page is kept up-to-date with the Church's news by **Julie Goedkoop**.

Please send anything you would like to share on the Facebook page to her in any of the following ways:

By email: **julieg77@hotmail.co.uk** By telephone: **07940 559509**

Or by messaging her via her own fb page: **Julie Goedkoop (Julie Hudson)**

Mission Committee

HOME COMFORTS

The Home Comforts Annual Report shows that in 2018 they distributed 423 cleaning packs and 181 toiletry packs in North Lanarkshire. This year they hope to deliver 345 cleaning packs and 410 toiletry packs.

Although Home Comforts are continuing to collect all of the items listed below, we in Viewpark Church have been asked to concentrate on **TWO** items at a time. One item is a cleaning product and the other is a toiletry. Please check the Weekly View for which items are required. At the time of writing Home Comforts would like us to concentrate on **deodorant sprays (male and female) and cream cleaner**. It would be great if you could try to bring one item each week and place it in the boxes marked Home Comforts (green lid) located in the corridor.

The full list of items includes:

- toilet rolls,
- dish towels,
- hand towels,
- basins,
- dish cloths,
- washing up liquid,
- plastic brush and shovel,
- pot scourers,
- bin bags,
- bars of soap,
- cream cleaner,

- bayonet energy saving lightbulbs,
- foam filled scourers



Along with:

- toothbrushes,
- sanitary towels,
- male and female deodorant
- toothpaste,
- shower gel,

Many thanks to everyone who donated items in 2018 - they are much appreciated.

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TWINNING WITH GHANA

On 9 December, Paula Harvie, our Ghana link person, received a communication from Rev Ben Yaw Owusu stating that he had been made Clerk of Presbytery. He wrote:

"Amen, thank you very much Paula. I am happy to be associated with Viewpark Parish Church. I hope you will continue to support me in prayers and financially in my new role as the clerk of presbytery."

We continue to keep our twin church in Asuboni Rails in the Kwahu region of Ghana in our thoughts and prayers as they continue with God's work in that area.

Church Flowers



Many thanks to all those who have made

donations to the flower fund in the last quarter. All donations are gratefully received.

The Flower Fund is used to buy flowers for the church, which are later distributed to folks who are ill or in need of cheering up. If you would like to make a donation to the Flower Fund, please speak to Morag Stanley. All donations are very much appreciated.

SUNDAY MORNING CRECHE

Parents, please remember

There is no longer a crèche rota, but the facility is still there if required.

Parents who would like their children looked after in the crèche should make this known to the person on door duty and one of our volunteers will be available to provide care.



Parish Register

Funerals

Myra Wilson	Arcadia Gardens Care Home	12/11/18
Linda Findlay.	7 Hawthorn Terr.	01/12/18
Sandy Graham.	44 Kings Road	03/12/18
Heather Strain.	101 Montalto Ave.	13/12/18
Jean Hamilton.	2 Eighth Street.	16/12/18
Iris Hart.	7 Melrose Gardens.	02/01/19
Robert Keir.	3 Birch Grove.	11/01/19
William Ross.	1 Lord Way.	16/01/19
Gilbert McKirdy.	225 Second Ave.	27/01/19

Flower		Delivery	
<i>Apr</i>	7 Janet MacAulay	<i>May</i>	19 Jess Maxwell
	14 Margaret McLeod		26 Margaret Bain
	21 Caroline Hanson	<i>Jun</i>	2 Paula Harvie
	28 Bobbie Swan		9 Janet Burrows
<i>May</i>	5 Una Alexander		16 Lesley Watson
	12 Irene Kerr		23 Claire Brogan
			30 Jean Dykes

If any of these dates are unsuitable, can you please arrange to swap or telephone Jean Dykes on 817258 or Janet Burrows on 815754.

	Flower Arranging	Printing
January	Jean Dykes / Janet Burrows	Una Alexander & Mina Macis
February	<i>Isabel Oswald</i>	<i>Tom & Eunice Brown</i>
March	Janet Burrows	John & Eleanor Lipowski
April	<i>Irene West</i>	<i>Dick & Agnes Burns</i>
May	Fiona Cunningham	Una Alexander & Mina Macis
June	<i>Eleanor Lipowski</i>	<i>Tom & Eunice Brown</i>
July	Janice Carmichael	John & Eleanor Lipowski
August	<i>Ann McCue</i>	<i>Dick & Agnes Burns</i>
September	Jean Dykes	Una Alexander & Mina Macis
October	<i>Bobbie Swan</i>	<i>Tom & Eunice Brown</i>
November	Gay Sommerville	John & Eleanor Lipowski
December	<i>Una Alexander</i>	<i>Dick & Agnes Burns</i>

SEE LEGEND AT BOTTOM OF PAGE		DOOR & COLLECTION <u>Vestibule / Sanctuary</u>		COLLECTION ONLY	
7	April	CA WA	G Hughes <u>M Hunter</u>	CS WS	M Blair S Boyd
14	April	CA WA	L Johnston <u>T Johnstone</u>	CS WS	M Bradshaw E Brown
21	April	CA WA	J Lipowski <u>I Kerr</u>	CS WS	J Burrows K Campbell
28	April	CA WA	A Lochrie <u>J Macaulay</u>	CS WS	J Carmichael S Carruthers
5	May	CA WA	S Macaulay <u>S MacIachlan</u>	CS WS	P Cunningham F Cunningham
12	May	CA WA	A McCue <u>M McMurdo</u>	CS WS	D Docherty M Docherty
19	May	CA WA	A McMillan <u>L McMillan</u>	CS WS	A Fergus J Dykes
26	May	CA WA	T McTavish <u>J Penman</u>	CS WS	C Hanson D Hannen
2	June	CA WA	J Penman <u>R Ramsay</u>	CS WS	P Harvie R House
9	June	CA WA	I Reid <u>E Reid</u>	CS WS	G Hughes M Hunter
16	June	CA WA	M Sagar <u>B Swan</u>	CS WS	L Johnston T Johnstone
23	June	CA WA	W Watson <u>N Adams</u>	CS WS	J Lipowski I Kerr
30	June	CA WA	M Aitchison <u>U Alexander</u>	CS WS	A Lochrie J Macaulay

Bold - In vestibule, welcome + door
Underline - In Sanctuary, hand out Orders of Service
 Plain Text - no door duty, collection only

CA Cross side central section
 WA Window side central section
 CS Cross side section
 WS Window side section

Easter Morning Service

**PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE OUTDOOR EASTER MORNING SERVICE
AT**

THE BANDSTAND IN STRATHCLYDE PARK AT

8.30AM

ON SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

EVERYONE WELCOME



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Regular Organisations

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Organisation	Time	Hall	Contact (01698 unless stated)
CHURCH:			
Messy Breakfast	Sun 10am	Thornwood	Mr Lyall 813113
Sunday School	Sun 11am - 12 noon	Thornwood	Ms J Millar 07746717241
Youth Fellowship	Sun 11am - 12 noon	Large	Mr Ritchie 810506
Freedom Worship	Sun 7pm (Sept - Jun)	Sanctuary	Mr Lyall 813113
Guild	Mon 7.30pm	Small	C Hanson 323470
Wednesday Club	Wed 1pm	Large/Small	Mrs West 812724
"Angels" (Choir) (Sept - May)	Thurs 7.30pm	Thornwood	Mrs Lyall 813113
THE GUIDES:			
<i>Rainbows</i>			
4th Viewpark	Wed 5 - 6pm	Small	Mrs Struthers 818333
3rd Viewpark	Thur 5.30 - 6.30pm	Small	Ms G Thomson 07943892182
<i>Brownies</i>			
1st 'A' Tannochside	Tues 6 - 7.30pm	Large	Mrs Struthers 818333
1st 'B' Tannochside	Fri 6 - 7.30pm	Small	E Dempsey 845731
<i>Guides</i>			
1st Tannochside	Tues 7.30pm	Large	N McCardie 07540486604
1st 'A' Tannochside	Tues 7.30pm	Small	Mrs Carmichael 814613
THE BOYS' BRIGADE (1ST VIEWPARK COMPANY)			
Junior Section	Wed 7 - 9pm	Large/Small	Mr Penman 818551
Anchor Boys	Thurs 6.30 - 7.30pm	Large/Small	Mrs Penman 818551
Company Section	Thur 7.15pm & Sat 7.00 - 10.00pm	Large/Small Large	Mr Penman 818551
OTHER ORGANISATIONS :			
Weight Watchers	Mon 10am Mon 6.30pm	Small View Café	E Oliver 07475733379 B Graham 07817552395
Daisy Foundation	Wed 10.45 - 11.45am	Thornwood	Julie Keys 07725408011
Tannochside Toddlers	Wed 9.45 - 11.45am	Large	D Collins 07742917789 N Longmuir 07851 267397
Baby Sensory Classes	Thur 8am - 4.30pm	Large/Small	A Findlay 07525372162
Bee Sporty	Mon 2 - 5.30pm	Large	H Runga 07833230441
Praise Band	Tues or Wed 7pm - late	Sanctuary	Mrs Lyall 813113
Shirley Ann Bayley School of Dance	Sat 10am - 3pm Mon 5.30 - 9.30pm Mon 5.30 - 6.30pm	Large/Small Large Small	Mrs Bayley 07974 252 307